

**William Ramsay to George Washington, July 30, 1757,  
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**FROM WILLIAM RAMSAY, ESQ.**

ALEXANDRIA July 30th 1757

DR. SIR

I wrote you in answer to both yours about the Mines to wch referr.—I am now to address you on a more interesting, but a more disagreeable Subject.

Know Sr. that I have been extreemly unfortunate in all my affairs, wch has greatly embarrass'd me, in Ordr. to remedy wch, I have made Application to the Monied ones—My Ld. Fx, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Corbin, Mr. Cary & many others witht. success, wch I put to the Accot. of my perverse fortune, not their want of ability to serve me.

As I hope a share in your friendship, permit me to request of you the loan of Two hundred or £250 before or at Octr. Gen Court next, for wch you shall be secur'd; you will do a very singular service to me witht. prejudice I hope to your self, & also add to the many obligations I am already under, from your great inclination & desire to serve me, & tho hitherto without success, yet calls for my gratefull acknowledgements.<sup>1</sup> We may now depend on the Arrival of the Fleet at Halifax. A report prevails with great probability of truth that Prussia has taken Prague in wch he found 250 ps. of cannon & made Upwds. of 12000 Prsrs. May Fortune attend him & victory wait his Banners 'till he humble the proud & crush

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the ingratefull & that you may triumph over your Enimies & succeed in all your enterprizes  
is the sincere wish of my

Dr Sir Your very Afft H Servt. WM RAMSAY

1 Washington responded to this appeal (as is shown by his ledger for 1757) by lending Mr. Ramsay £80 on August the 22d, and £70 on September the 20th.